

Thought for the week:
The Bible is not read as an intellectual or academic exercise; it is read with the goal of giving meaning to our lives today.


Elsa Tamez

We are sorry to hear the sad news that Fr Paul Bigmore died earlier this week. Many in St. Michael's will remember him with affection. Caroline and Lyn visited him as recently as early October and he was quite poorly, having had his second leg amputation. Please remember him in your prayers.

The kitchen has landed! Thanks to those few who came to clear the kitchen last Saturday ready for the delivery of the new units. And thanks to Mike Payne for waiting for their delivery on Tuesday. As you can see, half the hall is sealed off at the moment. Installation is due to take place between October 28th and November 2nd.

Last call for any warm thick winter coats/ fleeces/ gilets - in good enough condition - you no longer need which Paul will be collecting for the Cardiff Rotary 'Wrap Up' appeal. Thanks to those who have already donated.

Remember to fill in your answers to the council survey about parking in Cardiff. There are quite radical changes proposed so as full a response as possible would be good. The link is: [City wide parking plan consultation](#).

 Llandaff Cathedral is holding a 'Saying Goodbye' service in the Lady Chapel between 11am and midday on Saturday, November 9th, to support those whose lives have been marked by miscarriage and/or baby and infant loss.

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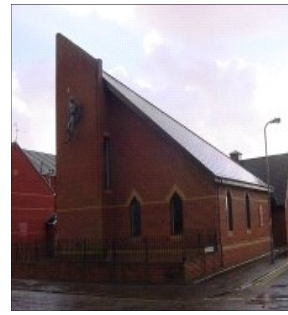
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Please contact Rev'd Caroline to arrange baptisms, marriages, banns, and Holy Communion for the sick and housebound. Please let Caroline know if anyone wishes to be prayed for, is ill or in hospital or would welcome a visit.

There are now only 59 days until Christmas but it is only 20 days until our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 16th! We would be very grateful for donations of raffle prizes (please see Gill), bottles and tins (Glynn), home-made cakes (let Linda or Val know - we also need empty margarine tubs), and items for the bran-tub (Val). You are all warmly invited and the café will be open for light lunches! Oh, and Father Christmas will be making a preliminary visit to inspect that all chimneys meet Health and Safety regulations, accompanied by his glamorous elf, Delphine!

Readings for next Sunday, All Saints, are:

Wisdom 3:1-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; Psalm 24:1-6, John 11:32-44



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CATHAYS

October 27th
2024
Bible Sunday
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All, all, all are offered a warm welcome to the church of St. Michael & All Angels in the Roath & Cathays Ministry Area. If you are new to the church please make yourself known to Caroline, our Vicar, or Gerry, our Warden, or any member of the congregation. Children are cared for at our Sunday morning service. Please join us for tea, coffee and biscuits after the service - we often have cake too!

THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S

Sunday

10am Holy Eucharist
5pm Zoom Service

Thursday

2pm Holy Eucharist

For more detailed information on all our activities, please visit our website:

www.parishofcathays.org



Collect of the day:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

SIT

The Reader says: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

SIT

The reader says: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

STAND

The law of the Lord is perfect, re- / viving • the / soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure * and gives / wisdom / to the / simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right and re- / joice the / heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives / light / to the / eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and en- / dures for / ever: the judgements of the Lord are true and / righteous / alto- / gether.

More to be desired are they than gold, * more than / much fine / gold: sweeter also than honey, / dripping / from the / honeycomb.

† By them also is your / servant / taught: and in keeping them / there is / great re- / ward.

Who can tell how often / they of- / fend: O cleanse me / from my / secret / faults!

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins * lest they get do- / minion / over me: so shall I be undefiled, and / innocent • of / great of- / fence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart * be acceptable / in your / sight: O Lord, my / strength and / my re- / deemer.

THE GOSPEL

STAND

Priest:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Response:

Glory to you, O Lord

John 5:36b - 47

Jesus said to the Jews, ‘The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. ’You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.